



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC** First and Final Reading of Policy EIF (LOCAL): Academic Achievement - Graduation

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**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** September 17, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve First and Final Reading of Policy EIF (LOCAL): Academic Achievement- Graduation

**RATIONALE:**

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION:**

**BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:**

### PROPOSED REVISIONS

COURSE  
REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, a student must complete the courses required by the District in addition to those mandated by the state.

GRADUATION  
PROGRAMS  
INSTITUTED  
PRIOR TO  
2014–15

Students enrolled in high school prior to the 2014–15 school year may graduate under state programs other than the foundation program, including the Minimum Program, the Recommended Program, and the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program. The courses required for each of these programs shall be listed in appropriate publications. The District credit requirements under these programs are listed below.

MINIMUM  
PROGRAM

For students who entered grade 9 prior to the 2012–13 school year, the District requires no additional credits for graduation under the Minimum Program beyond the number mandated by the state.

Beginning with students who entered grade 9 in the 2012–13 school year, the District requires completion of four credits in addition to the number required by the state for graduation under the Minimum Program, ~~for a total of 26 credits. The additional credits shall include one science credit, one mathematics credit, and two elective credits. The campus student support team shall determine whether waiving the four additional credit requirements is appropriate for the student.~~ [See EIF(REGULATION)]

RECOMMENDED  
PROGRAM

For students who entered grade 9 prior to the 2012–13 school year, the District requires no additional credits for graduation under the Recommended Program beyond the number mandated by the state.

Beginning with students who entered grade 9 in the 2012–13 school year, the District requires completion of four credits in addition to the number required by the state for graduation under the Recommended Program, ~~for a total of 30 credits. The additional credits shall be electives.~~

ADVANCED /  
DISTINGUISHED  
ACHIEVEMENT  
PROGRAM

For students who entered grade 9 prior to the 2012–13 school year, the District requires no additional credits for graduation under the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program beyond the number mandated by the state.

Beginning with students who entered grade 9 in the 2012–13 school year, the District requires completion of four credits in addition to the number required by the state for graduation under the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, ~~for a total of 30 credits. The additional credits shall be electives.~~



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
GRADUATION

EIF  
(LOCAL)

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| MAGNET PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS                                | The District requires completion of additional credits beyond the number mandated by the state for graduation from the District's magnet program under the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program. The list of courses required for each of the magnet programs <del>may be found</del> <u>shall be maintained</u> in administrative regulations. [See EIF(REGULATION)]   |
| READING CREDITS   | The District shall offer up to 3 credits of reading for state graduation credit. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for establishing procedures to assess individual student needs and evaluate student progress and shall monitor instructional activities to ensure that student needs are met. Students shall be identified as eligible to earn reading credit based on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Recommendation by a teacher or counselor.</li><li>2. Scores on assessment instruments and/or achievement tests.</li></ol> |
| <u>FOUNDATION PROGRAM</u>   | <u>The courses that satisfy District requirements under the foundation program, including courses for the distinguished level of achievement and courses for endorsements offered by the District, shall be listed in appropriate District publications.</u>  |
| <u>WITHOUT AN ENDORSEMENT</u>                                     | <u>The District requires completion of 4 credits in addition to the number required by the state for graduation under the foundation program without an endorsement. Graduation under the foundation program without an endorsement shall be permitted only as authorized under state law and rules.</u>  |
| <u>WITH AN ENDORSEMENT</u>  | <u>The District requires completion of 4 credits in addition to the number required by the state for graduation under the foundation program with an endorsement.</u>   |
| <u>DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT</u>                         | <u>The District requires completion of 4 credits in addition to the number required by the state for graduation under the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.</u>   |
| <u>NO FINE ARTS SUBSTITUTIONS</u>                                 | <u>The District shall not award state graduation credit in fine arts for participation in a community-based fine arts program.</u>  |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUBSTITUTIONS<br><u>ACTIVITIES AND COURSES</u> | <u>To the extent permitted by state rules applicable to the student's graduation program, the District shall award state graduation credit in physical education for participation in approved activities and elective courses.</u><br><br><del>The District shall allow students to substitute certain physical activities for the required credits of physical education. Such substitution shall be based on the physical activity involved in the courses listed for this purpose in state rules. [See EIF(LEGAL)]</del>                                    |

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
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PRIVATE OR  
COMMERCIAL  
PROGRAMS

The District shall award state graduation credit in physical education for appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs conducted either on or off campus, upon approval by the Commissioner of Education. [See also EHAC]

~~NO OTHER  
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY  
PROGRAMS~~

~~The District shall not award state graduation credit for physical education for private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs conducted either on or off campus. [See also EHAC]~~

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students shall be required to meet District requirements for graduation.